



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Presentation on the Railroad Corridor Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Plan Grant Award from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the amount of \$75,000

MEETING DATE: November 1, 2006

PREPARED BY: Community Development Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Presentation

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Staff will make a presentation on the Railroad Corridor TOD grant award from Caltrans. The presentation will discuss how the grant was received, what the grant will do and what the proposed outcomes of the grant are.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Not applicable

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Randy Hatch
Community Development Director

APPROVED:

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Blair King, City Manager

Railroad Corridor Transit Oriented Development Grant

What is the Railroad Corridor Transit Oriented Development Grant

- The “Railroad Corridor Transit Oriented Development Plan” will enhance the Lodi community by designing high density residential units within and next to the existing commercial developments adjacent to public transit.
 - It is anticipated the planning project will help develop attainable goals and entice residents into transit oriented development in the City’s core which in turn will offer a cleaner, vibrant and more modern mixed use corridor
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Grant Timeline

- October 2005, Grant application was submitted to the California Department of Transportation for consideration.
 - June 2006, the State budget was adopted allocating funds for the grants.
 - July 2006, the City of Lodi was notified it had successfully secured grant funding
 - October 2006, grant acceptance by City Council
 - November 2006- February 2008, grant project work and submittal of final document to Council
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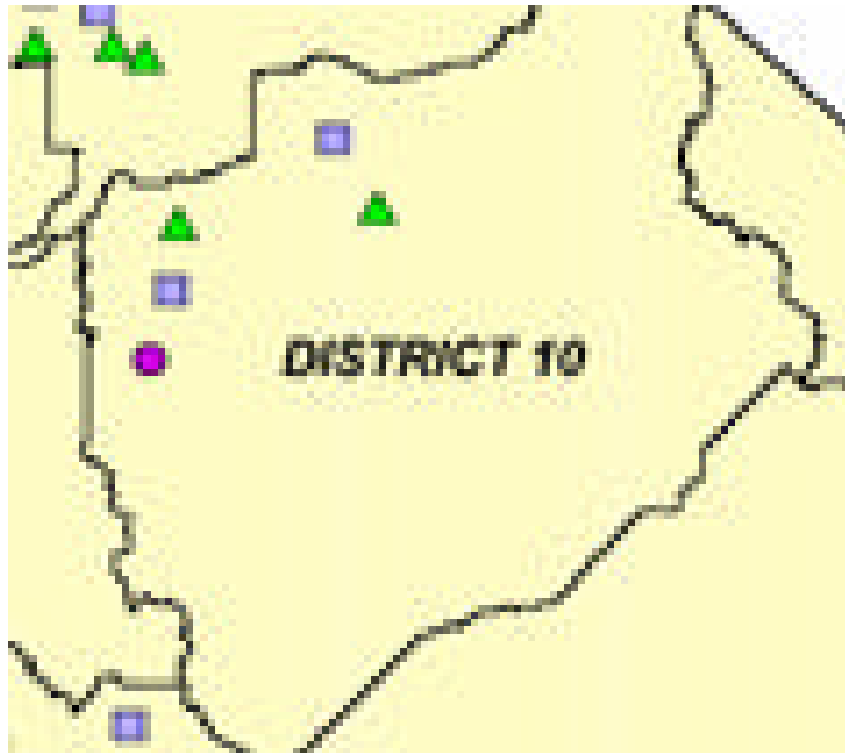


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- The Railroad Corridor Transit Oriented Development Plan area would be centered in the heart of Lodi, its Downtown District.
 - Builds on the investment made when the City of Lodi refurbished the train depot into a historic multi-modal transit center offering numerous rail and transit options not only within the City of Lodi, but to the neighboring communities, Sacramento and the Bay Area as well.
 - Will allow for housing adjacent to commuter rail should the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission chose the CCT tracks for the commuter service to Sacramento.
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- While the City and the Downtown community of merchant and restaurant owners have been quite successful in developing a retail market downtown, the area still needs a housing supply, to making the downtown a 24-hour destination.
 - This usable space offers a unique chance for the City to design a plan to offer provide mixed-use and high-density housing within the Central City/ Downtown while enticing residents to transition from the traditional developments of the Central Valley at the urban edges with their cars and to embrace the option of transit and pedestrian oriented development within the City's core.
 - This plan will not only lay out the foundation for the City to offer expanded housing options but also encourage alternative transportation usage and smart land use planning.
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Scope of Work

- ***Community Workshops/Charettes***

Workshops will be conducted to garner input from members of the downtown business district and property owners who would be most directly affected or impacted by a decision to proceed with a project within the emphasis area.

- ***Data collection and review of existing conditions***

- ***Public outreach***

- ***Visual preference survey***

- ***Urban design***

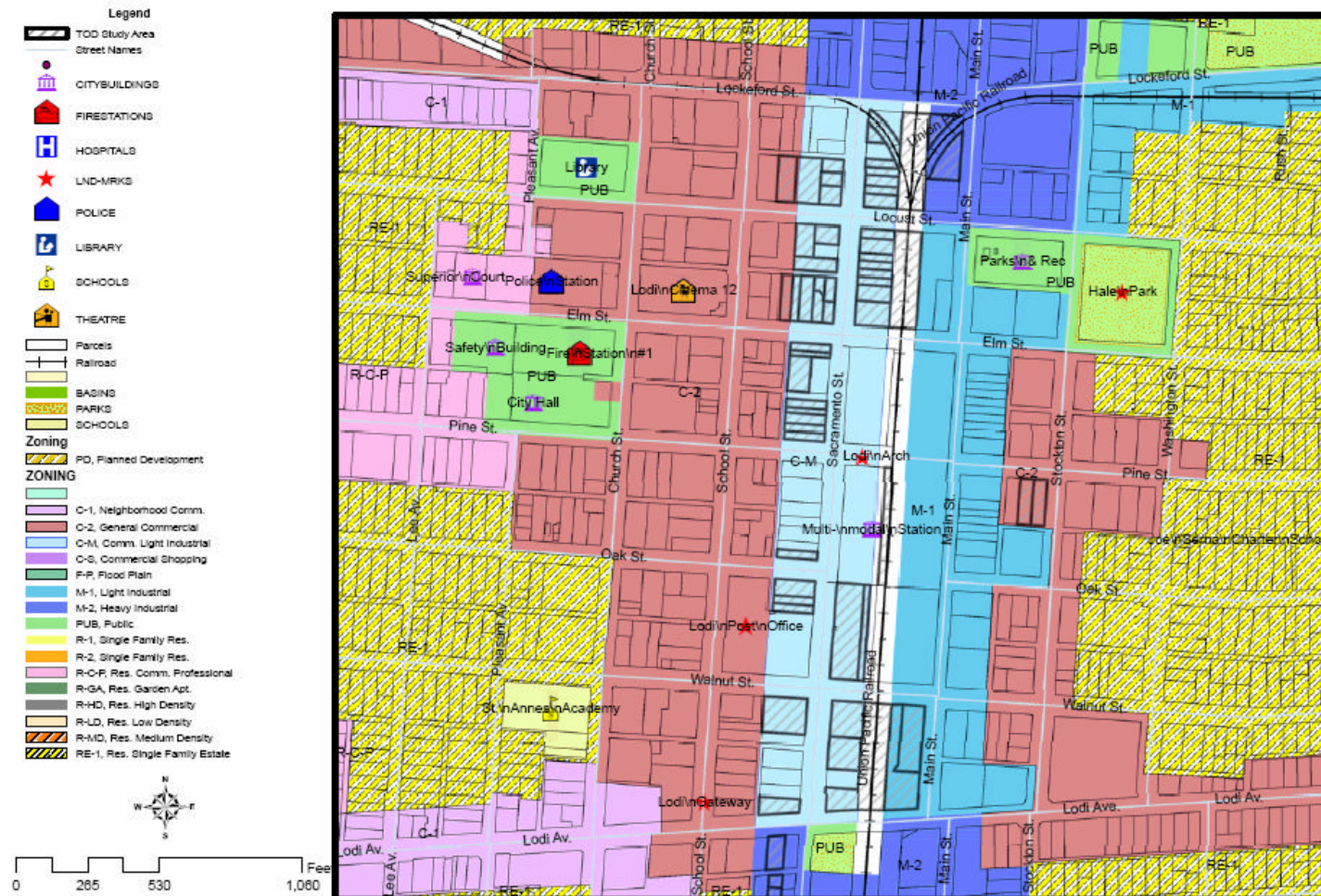
An urban design consultant will take primary responsibility for conceptualizing improvements within all the project sub-areas and illustrating various design concepts for consideration by project participants.

Railroad Corridor

City of Lodi, Railroad Corridor Transit Oriented Development Plan



Proposed TOD Emphasis Area



City of Lodi Community Development Dept.